



When Neighbors Meet There's
a Friendly Spirit That Is
Exemplified in the . . .

Organizations That Promote the WELFARE of TORRANCE

● TORRANCE . . . on Review

Similarity of Torrance's basic industries makes for workers, families of kindred tastes.

Mutuality of interests promotes well-knit, thriving social organizations.

Service clubs include Rotary, Kiwanis, 20-30.

Legion and Auxiliary especially strong.

Woman's Club, Woman's Relief Corps and Business and Professional Women provide for feminine activities.

Legion and Woman's Club have own modern club-houses.

P.T.A. groups in every school.

WHAT is the most pronounced difference between a huge metropolis and a smaller community? Three guesses—

Right the very first time. The metropolis is cold while the smaller place is noticeably warmer. Not in temperature nor material things, but in that bond, that relationship of men and women with common needs, common aims, common aspirations to which we give the name of civilization.

Ever since the days of Adam and Eve man has shown a desire to join with his neighbors. Families grew into tribes. Tribes grew into clans. Clans grew into nations. And the foundation of the entire gregarious movement was a common interest in the same things.

Large vs. Smaller City

IN A LARGE city few persons know even their next door neighbors. There is no natural mutuality of interest. People have to be prodded into an artificial kinship, impermanent in its nature, to accomplish anything.

But in the smaller community, where everyone knows Tom, Dick and Mary, and whose boy is the new one at the corner grocery, there is a warmth never to be found in the metropolis.

Show us the group in the metropolis that will gather night after night, meeting the same people and enjoying the pleasures that mutual companionship over a period of years induce. One will find, instead, that because of the artificiality of their surroundings, each member of a family is, at the most, part of an ever-changing group. Tonight may be the gathering of the bridge club. Yet few of these persons will be present at tomorrow's lodge meeting or the following night's improvement society. And by the time Saturday's dance arrives the complexion of the unit has so changed that it is, too often, a purely artificial roadhouse gathering.

Occupations Induce Clubs

NOT SO in the smaller community. And in Torrance there was a mutuality of interest from the very first which makes it far ahead of even the customary smaller community in this respect. For most of the first inhabitants were necessarily of the same occupational group, and even today the very fact that Torrance attracts artisans in one of three

major groups, in which most of her industries are classed, tends to bring together groups with a natural primary interest and congeniality; groups of persons with similar tastes, similar aims, similar desires.

The growth of clubs and social organizations in Torrance is, then, such as might be expected from a background of this nature. It includes organizations for service; organizations for pleasure; organizations for religious purposes; organizations for betterment, both civic and personal.

Rotary Oldest

OLDEST of the service clubs is Rotary. The Torrance club was organized November 26, 1924, with 21 members. J. B. Hines was first president, with Wilfred Teal vice president, and Carl L. Hyde secretary and treasurer. Today the officers of this club, which meets every Thursday evening at American Legion Hall, are Charles Jones, president; Charles Coates, vice president, and Dave Roberts, secretary and treasurer.

A year later the Torrance Kiwanis Club was organized, in September, with James W. Leech as its first president. Also meeting in American Legion Hall, with Monday as its meeting night, the present officers are William E. Shawger, president; R. J. Deininger, vice president; Edward Brunner, secretary, and Judge C. T. Rippy, treasurer.

Youngest of the service clubs is the 20-30 Club, a little less than three months old, for it was organized March 30 with Dick Pullman as president; Homer St. Martin, vice president and George Figueredo, secretary and treasurer. It meets at 1951 Carson street Monday evenings.

Legion Has Clubhouse

BERT S. CROSSLAND Post of the American Legion and its Auxiliary attend to the needs of veterans in the Torrance district. It is due to their untiring efforts that Torrance has a Legion Hall of which it is justly proud, and which has served as meeting place for so many of the Torrance activities.

Commander of the Legion is James H. Burchett. Vice Commander is Floyd B. Boyle, while George Thompson is adjutant and R. J. Deininger, finance officer. In the Auxiliary Mrs. Alma Smith is president; Mrs. Velora Murphy, vice president; Mrs. Bess Myers, secretary and Mrs. Luise Jensen, treasurer.

The Legion post was organized January 6, 1920, with the Auxiliary dating from February 23, 1921. Both organizations meet at Legion Hall, the post on the second and fourth Tuesdays and the auxiliary on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

Stephen A. Phillips unit of the Woman's Relief Corps was formed July 21, 1934. It is headed by Mrs. Emma Evans, president; with Mrs. Janet Woodington, vice president; Mrs. Florence Buck, secretary, and Mrs. Flora Waters, treasurer. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays in Torrance Social Hall.

Woman's Club Active

ONE OF THE oldest clubs in Torrance is the Woman's Club, organized April 16, 1921. Mrs. Juliette Johnson is now president of this organization, with Mrs. J. H. Crumrine, vice president; Mrs. E. A. Miles, secretary, and Mrs. Howard Locke, treasurer. Meetings are held at their home on Engracia avenue the first Wednesday of each month.

The Torrance club of National Business and Professional Women was organized December 22, 1929. It is now headed by Miss Lute Fraser as president; Mrs. Addie Montague, vice president; Miss Ada Chase, secretary, and Miss Mary Haig, treasurer. It meets on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Parent Teachers

EVERY Torrance school has its Parent Teachers association. Officers of some include:

At Torrance elementary, organized in October, 1921, Mrs. Marcus Edwards is president; Mrs. W. E. Woodcock, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Tolson, secretary; and Mrs. H. P. Smith, treasurer.

Fern Avenue school, where the PTA was organized April 29, 1933, has Mrs. C. D. Lowen, president; Mrs. C. L. Ingold, vice-president; Mrs. W. G. Bowers, secretary; and Mrs. N. F. Gallucci, treasurer.

Mrs. R. S. Sleeth is president of Torrance high school's PTA, organized February 17, 1936; with Mrs. E. A. Miles, vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Wright, secretary; and Mrs. Mary Shaw, treasurer.

Many of the other Torrance clubs and organizations are told of in other stories in this issue. All are working toward one objective—a better, happier Torrance. And all are succeeding well in this work.



● Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post's Home. Center of Many Torrance Social Functions.



● The Woman's Club Owns Its Home.